

S. S. C. E. columns of the EVANGELIST, and keep the society in close touch with the general work. Our treasurer, Sister Augustine, had a very important notice in the paper of a few weeks back, in regard to pledges; her monthly reports should also be of interest to every worker.

The contributions that have been appearing in these columns from the pens of some of our wide-awake sisters have been greatly appreciated and very helpful to the readers. We hope they may continue.

Many of the sisters are desirous to have an organizer in the field, but as yet there have been no definite plans given in that line. We expect however in a few days to visit several of the Philadelphia mission points, where the sisters are working but not organized under an S. S. C. E. After organizing at these places it is probable that we shall go on to visit other societies. Join us in prayer for divine guidance in this work.

VIANNA DETWILER.

Treasurer's Report of S. S. C. E. for the Month of December

MISSIONS	
Listie, Pa.,	\$ 1 50
Johnstown, Pa.,	5 40
Philadelphia, Pa.,	2 85
Loree, Ind.,	1 40
Maple Grove, Ind.,	50
Corinth, Ind.,	1 40
Williamstown, Ohio,	1 00
Maurertown, Va.,	3 20
Ridgely, Md.,	30
	\$ 17 55
EXPENDITURES	
To N. M. B., for Washington Mis.,	\$ 40 00
THEOLOGICAL CHAIR	
Philadelphia, Pa.,	\$ 2 85
Bethesda, Ohio,	2 20
Williamstown, Ohio,	1 00
Maple Grove, Ind.,	50
North Manchester, Ind.,	2 00
Milford, Ind.,	2 10
Ridgely, Md.,	1 00
Guilford Leslie, in full on pledge,	3 00
David Augustine, in full on pledge,	1 00
Alice E. Augustine, in full on pledge,	1 00
	\$ 16 65
SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS FUND	
Maple Grove, Ind.,	\$ 50
HOLSINGER FUND	
Mrs. Rebecca Heft,	\$ 1 00
C. E. S., Milford, Ind.,	1 00
David Augustine,	50
	\$ 2 50
EXPENDITURES	
To Brother Holsinger,	\$ 10 00
ALICE E. AUGUSTINE.	
Box 477, South Bend, Ind.	

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know.—Kingsley.

The Mission Field

WASHINGTON CITY ECHOES

It being very inconvenient and seemingly almost impossible for Brother Lyon to occupy his usual space in the columns of the EVANGELIST this week in giving you the news of our mission, he requests me to write a few lines to that effect, which I shall with pleasure try to do. Altho I feel a weakness within myself to do work of this kind, but have faith to believe the Lord will strengthen me and give me more talents as I make use of what he has given me for He has promised it and we have no reason in the world to doubt. I always feel glad to do anything in my power to promote the Master's work, let it be ever so little, he has promised us great blessings for simply giving a cup of water in His name. Therefore, we see the importance and encouragement in doing the little things to please our Savior.

Our pastor's family is now under quarantine on account of scarlet fever—his little boy has it, but in a rather light form. And under the circumstances Brother Lyon seems to have to act as nurse, and is thus debarred from his mission work just at present. But he is filled with the spirit and has faith in all the Lord's ways of working; says he believes that even this present affliction will all be overruled for good in some way. He has just arranged for more aggressive work but that part will be somewhat retarded for awhile. He requests the prayers of the church for the speedy recovery of their little boy and that the rest of the family may be spared from taking it. While the work will still go on and the regular meetings be held as usual, yet it will no doubt lessen the attendance to some extent as the disease is very prevalent throughout the city, and our Sunday school has been diminished some on account of it.

Now in regard to the encouragement of our mission, I am glad to say that the prospects of late have been very promising indeed.

Besides our regular Sunday services we have been holding three or four parlor meetings during the week and have plenty of requests for future meetings. The spirit of the Lord certainly is doing its work in the Washington City mission and we have some glorious meetings in which all seem to take a hearty interest and enjoy. Some of our last accessions, I am glad to say, we can number among our most earnest workers. The spirit of the Master keeps the fire constantly kindled in their hearts and they don't hesitate to let their lights shine.

I want to again recall to the minds of the brotherhood the needs of our mission and then I will close. Of course you all know our needs as you have heard them over and over again, and probably some of you have become tired of hearing them. Should such be the case, the best way to stop it is to open your hearts, lend a helping hand, and ask the Lord how much (not how little). You can work the other end of that "cross-

cut saw" Brother Lyon has been telling you about. Whenever you all join hands and get your end of the saw to working nicely the log will soon be in two and the church built and then those distasteful wants in the papers will be missing. I am sure it is very unpleasant for our pastor to have to make so many appeals to the brotherhood thro the EVANGELIST for money to erect the church. We are glad to say we have received quite a number of very liberal donations of late which is very encouraging to us. Now, let everyone throughout the brotherhood make it a point to send us a donation, let it be large or small, and God will bless you if you give it freely. If you haven't the money at hand to send, send in your subscription. If every one will do a little there will be no trouble in getting the required funds. God has warned us to not lay up treasures on earth but in heaven.

I just noticed the statistics of increase of the different churches, and the per cent of increase of the Brethren church during last year was 25 per cent. This is a greater per cent than was made by any other church the next two highest being 16 and 6 per cent. Surely we should be encouraged by this report and feel that God is abundantly blessing our work, then go forth with greater earnestness than ever before.

I did not expect to write this much, so will close by asking the prayers of the brotherhood in behalf of the Washington City mission.

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Chicago Work

First I must mention the Missionary Conventions, for I think they are of the first importance in the work of the church, as the mission field is pre eminently the place the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is to occupy in the world. Our conventions took in a little larger scope this year, than last. Fairview church, Indiana, was the first on the list, and has already been reported. I only wish to say that I very much enjoyed meeting with the Brethren of that church, and while the work of the convention started out slowly, it increased, and could we have continued a few days longer, would have had a large and interesting meeting. The possibilities of this church in the work are large, and I am pleased to see the interest their excellent pastor is taking in the great "thought" of God; i. e., evangelization of the world. I had a very pleasant stay at the home of Brother Augustine, while there, and will long remember their kind care for us. The conventions at Milledgeville, Lanark, Hudson and Enon were all we could expect, only the time allotted to each place was entirely too short, but owing to the work crowding us, could not be different. We hope, however, in the future to have each convention run about a week, and also that next year we can have one in each congregation in this district. They are genuine Bible schools. I was glad that I could have